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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6888**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1483

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 16, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 12, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Off-Road Vehicles as Farm Wagons.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Lehe

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill:

- (1) defines "farm wagon" as including three-, four-, and six-wheeled motor vehicles with a folding hitch that is used for certain purposes;
- (2) prohibits a certain type of farm wagon from operation on an interstate highway, or a state highway, except under specific circumstances;
- (3) authorizes an individual at least 15 years of age to operate a motorized farm wagon on a highway;
- (4) prohibits the use of a motorized farm wagon operated on a highway to tow another vehicle; and
- (5) makes conforming amendments.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** This proposal expands the definition of farm wagon. Farm wagons are exempt from the payment of registration fees under IC 9-18-3-1. To the extent that the new definition of farm wagon includes vehicles that otherwise would be subject to registration fees as off-road vehicles, there will be a reduction in registration fees, currently \$30 every three years.

The fund affected is the Off-Road Vehicle and Snowmobile Fund of the Department of Natural Resources and is used for enforcement, construction, and maintenance of vehicle trails. The number of farm wagons in the state is not known.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Department of Natural Resources.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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